



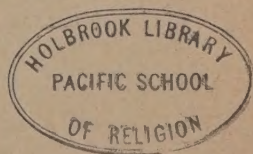
**LAWRENCE PLYMOUTH PARISH HOUSE IN FLAMES**

Early Morning, September 10, 1955

Story Inside

(Pictures, courtesy Lawrence Journal-World)

# CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS



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Late in October your "Congregational Kansas" Key person will receive a list of the present subscribers in your church, accompanied by a letter giving details.

Only churches having 20% or more of their total membership subscribing are entitled to the 50 cent rate; all others pay 75 cents.

Each year more churches are sending the magazine to every church family. Lawrence Plymouth has joined the list this year with plans to send a subscription to 400 families in 1956. How better can we make our churches aware of belonging to a fellowship much more far reaching than the local church?

In other churches one devoted person solicits subscriptions from every family. In still other churches the Pilgrim Fellowship young people handle the job efficiently.

Whatever your plan, try to get "Congregational Kansas" into every church home. Renewals and new subscriptions are due by December 1st.

### Finish The Job

A plan to "close the gap" between pledges and the \$75,000.00 Kansas goal to the Church Building Loan Fund was voted at McPherson. A recommendation to ask every church to accept 10% of their original "Declaration of Purpose" as an additional pledge to be paid in 1956 was unanimously voted at the Laymen's Meeting. Approval of the plan was voted by the Board of Trustees with a request that E. C. Wedell, Loan Fund Chairman, implement the plan. Won't you see that your church puts this added amount in the 1956 budget? Let's complete this project and move on to other needs and opportunities.

Plans have been completed for a Sunday evening service at Pilgrim Church, Wichita, on October 16, in which all Congregational Churches of the city will cooperate. Miss Farris is to be in Topeka for the Centennial Celebration of the Disciples, October 16 and 17, and will be flown to Wichita for the Sunday night meeting there. Attorney at law in Long Beach, California, Miss Farris is considered by many to be the most outstanding woman in our Congregational fellowship. Her dynamic personality, burning conviction and powerful message made a profound impression on all who heard her at our Garden City Conference. We are indeed grateful that she can speak again in Kansas on October 16.

Tapes and recordings of her three Garden City addresses are available for the asking at the Conference Office. The tapes are much clearer than the recordings, providing you have the equipment to use them.

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**Third Floor Parish House  
During The Fire**

## TOGETHERNESS THROUGH TRAGEDY

Our entire fellowship was shocked and saddened when news of the devastating fire at Plymouth Church, Lawrence was flashed across the state by radio, television and telephone on the morning of September 10. The fire was discovered around 3:30 and Mr. Turner says the cover page shows the blaze as it was when fire-

men arrived. All three floors of the Parish House were gutted, leaving the gaunt brick walls standing and the interior a shambles. The sanctuary damaged from smoke and water, was miraculously saved from complete destruction. Plymouth Church, oldest in the state, will celebrate their 101st anniversary on October 19.

"Plymouth News", September 15, the Minister says: . . . "Much has happened since the last newsletter, that none of us would have dreamed possible. Even now as I drive down Tenth Street and turn onto Vermont and see the remains of our beautiful parish hall, my heart sinks; it still seems like an awful dream. Yet when I remember how vividly I saw the flames shooting into the sky, I breathe a prayer of gratitude that the firemen were able to save as much as they did."

### Is Your Church Adequately Insured?

A total of \$186,300.00 fire insurance was in effect at the time of the fire - \$166,300.00 on the parish house and church building and \$20,000.00 on contents. Due to the foresight of Carl Althaus, leading layman at Ply-



**Third Floor - After The Fire**



**Parish House Looking Southeast**

mouth, the insurance was increased in recent months, on completion of an extensive remodeling program. Estimates indicate that insurance on the buildings exceeds 80% of the insurable value, but may be a bit low on the contents. It is necessary to have an inventory of ALL contents before settlement can even be approached.

It would be well for the board of trustees in every church to compile such an inventory. Needless to say that "adequate insurance" is never enough to rebuild and replace losses.



**One Clean Up Night**

### **The Clean Up Crew**

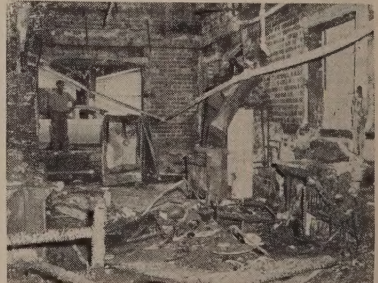
Answering the call for volunteers to help salvage and clean equipment and shovel out rubble, one hundred members and friends arrived the first night armed with buckets, rags, scrub brushes and cleanser. Work nights have continued under the leadership of Frank Gurtler, with hundreds joining in lowly clean-up tasks for their church. Since the opening of school, three fraternities on the KU campus, have asked to give assistance in any way possible and Mr. Turner assures them there will be painting and other jobs, adding - "We can't let that kind of man-power go to waste."

### **Sunday Services At Haskell**

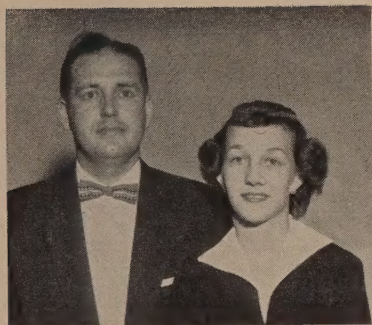
Since the fire the 11 o'clock worship service has been held each Sunday at Haskell. The church greatly appreciates the use of the Haskell auditorium. However, church school arrangements have been very difficult and attendance at worship is running 300 under last fall's attendance, largely due to the off-center location. It is hoped that the sanctuary can be used by the last of October.

### **Undaunted**

On the night of September 29, the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church  
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**Once A Beautiful Kitchen**



**Rev. and Mrs. Rex Kelly  
Serving Plevna**

The Rev. Rex Kelly began leadership at Plevna, August first. Mr. Kelly served the Sawyer and Glendale Methodist churches last year. He is completing his college work at Sterling College, having previously attended Southwestern College at Winfield. Mrs. Kelly is teaching Business Education in the Plevna High School.

#### **Wichita Plymouth**

A week-end conference designed to give every member a preview of coming plans for the church was held September 16-18. Included was a workshop and dinner with the Rev. Chas. Burns who is to become Minister of Youth January 1. Seminars on Church Finance, Colony Activities and Deacons program were held Saturday afternoon. A Family Festival Sunday morning included the Morning Worship with consecration of teachers at which the Rev. George Ogden spoke on "Today's Children," a Visitation of Church School classrooms and a sandwich luncheon, followed by a Christian Education Seminar and showing of the movie, "Roots of Happiness." New member dinners were held September 28, October 5 and 12 to welcome, orient and inform more than 300 new members received since Mr. Kirk began his ministry a year ago.

#### **Sabetha Improves**

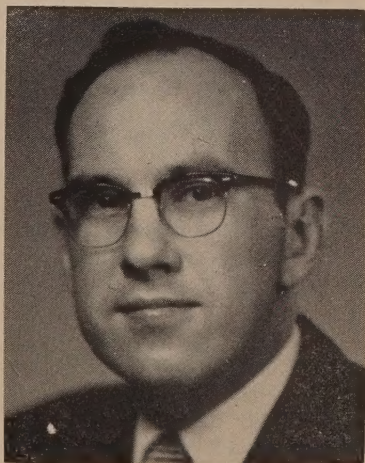
Construction has begun on a new basement to the church, to provide church school space, fellowship rooms and rest rooms. The Rev. S. Duane Ogden, minister, reports that the added space will cost about \$13,000.00.

#### **Gurtlers To Ellis**

The Rev. Robert E. Gurtler began leadership at our Congregational Church in Ellis the first of September. Mr. Gurtler had been student pastor at Maple Hill for more than two years while pursuing studies at Washburn University. He plans to continue school work at Hays State second semester after his church program gets under way.

Bob and Helen with Linda, 9, Bobby 5, and Mark, 20 months, are enjoying the spacious ten room stone parsonage purchased by the Ellis church a year ago.

The Rev. Claire Hughes who served the Ellis Church the past year, has returned to Iowa where he is teaching school.



**Rev. Robert E. Gurtler**



Rev. and Mrs. John Becker  
and Ronald

### Serving Lenora

The Becker's, whose leadership at Lenora was announced in September are pictured above.

### Mortgage Burning

Payments on the Independence parsonage were finished ahead of schedule making possible a gala celebration at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Paxton Smith, Sunday afternoon, September 18. Announcement was also made of a \$3,000.00 gift to the church by the late Mrs. F. E. Stoops, a long time member. Superintendent Rymph brought the morning sermon and shared in the afternoon ceremony.

### Mrs. Fred Smith

We are happy to report that Mrs. Smith is recovering from a heart attack suffered in September.

### A Girl For Johnsons

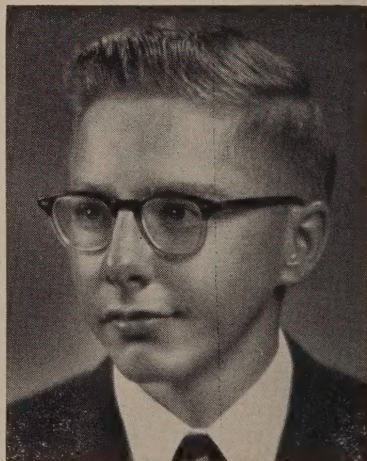
Ann Renee, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Julian Johnson arrived August 28 to join her sister Barbara Kay, 20 months and brothers, Mark Alden, 5 and Paul Lewis, 11 years of age.

### Topeka Central Remodeling Program

At a Congregational meeting held on September 21, a special study committee reported on building needs of the church. Recommendations for expansion and complete remodeling of present facilities, redecorating, installation of air conditioning and enlargement of parking facilities were unanimously adopted. Plans call for fund raising by the Wells Organization early in January with a hope that the work can be underway next spring.

### Topeka Seabrook At The Fair

Dressed, roasted and "dressinged" at the farm home of Mrs. Chas. Wilson, were 62 large turkeys served at the Seabrook Concession stand. A total of 233 people worked a day or more to put over this huge project. Why? To help pay off the debt on their new church.



Rev. Robert W. Tully  
Associate Minister - Topeka Central



Photos Courtesy Wichita Eagle

**Founded - 1883**

**Rebuilt - 1955**

In a simple ceremony on September 6, the cornerstone of the New Congregational Church at Udall was laid. In the picture left to right: Mrs. Alta R. Cook, who at 80 is the church's oldest member; Rev. Oscar Magnuson and Rev. Gerhard Friesen, former pastors; Rev. A. F. Tieszen of Newton, present supply pastor, and Joe Shoemaker, head of the Church Building Committee.

### All-Church Retreat

K. C. Rosedale congregation took dinner baskets and trekked to a Shelter House on Wyandotte Lake, October 9, where they spent several hours evaluating the church program and making plans for the future.

### Double Service

On World Communion Sunday, Topeka Central and Prairie Village, joined Wichita and Lawrence Plymouth in holding two services of worship on Sunday morning with simultaneous Church School sessions.

### A New Look

According to the Rev. Harald Wisegarver of Smith Center, things really happened when the church was closed in August. An ice cream social not only furnished fine fellowship, but also money to buy paint for a complete re-decorating job. The kitchen was re-modeled, a rest room added and the church grounds put in tip-top shape.

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was packed for a called meeting of the Plymouth congregation. Authorizations included 1: Buying 2 properties north of the church (these were bought and papers signed the next day); they will be used for Church School when services are resumed in the sanctuary. 2: A canvass the middle of November for raising funds to rebuild. It is estimated that \$150,000.00 will be needed. The Rev. Ray Jones of Topeka First will give leadership for the fund raising program. 3: The appointment of a Building Committee made up of a representative of each organization in the church and three members at large with Carl Althaus as Chairman.

Twenty-five new members were received on World Communion Sunday, making a total membership of about 1000. With "togetherness through tragedy", Lawrence Plymouth moves on to greater achievements.

# Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

## In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Anna Rice

Mrs. P. F. Walker

Mrs. Henry H. Asher

by Lawrence Plymouth Women

## "Heartwarmers"

Vera Lancaster, State President

What warms your heart? These things warmed mine during the past weeks . . .

The welcome I have received in each fellowship visited.

Seeing the Congregational Christian women I've met at Conference and Association meetings.

The interest shown in our State and National program.

To meet that Very Important Person, the Key Woman in a local fellowship.

To be invited to speak to the Women's Fellowship of Wichita Plymouth, our largest church and our largest fellowship. This was my first visit as your new president and these women gave me confidence.

Meeting and visiting with the officers and leaders of the Whitewater Fellowship in the home of our State Moderator and his lovely wife, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Zimmerman. Later to attend the regular meeting of this fellowship and meet and visit with the other members; and still later to have a large order come from Whitewater for our study books, Woman's Gift material, Indian American program material, subscriptions to Guide Posts

and Social Action, and Friendly service material.

To be invited to speak to my own fellowship at Topeka Seaman; how we prize the kindness shown us by those we love.

To hear the circle leaders in the Manhattan Fellowship reporting ten, twenty, and forty visits made since their last meeting; and the number of books read by members during that period.

To see twenty-three women of your State Board working hard at trying to find ways to help you. The Board met at the Rymph's September 19-20, and it was heartwarming to be made so welcome by Merle and Ruth Rymph.

To be able to shake hands with everyone at Wichita Fairmount; to notice that everyone present took a Woman's Gift box home with her.

To meet at the fine home of the newly elected President of the Maize fellowship, Mrs. James Grandfield; to note their interest in our current study books, and to hear that these women had sent 600 coupons to The Christian Orphanage, P. O. Box 157, Elon College, N.C., in response to the article which appeared in the June issue of Congregational Kansas.

To see 170 men taking part in the second annual State Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop in McPherson, eager to tell of the programs and plans that work for them and to discuss their problems with the other laymen who acted as resource and discussion leaders.

## Friendly Service

Friendly service is dear to the hearts of most of us and the fulfilling of our quotas is our first responsibility in this department of our work.

We are responsible for completing the quota sent us and unless we fill this quota it will mean the hospital, school or mission will be lacking the articles requested. When the quota is filled, then we look for Second Mile things to do.

Because our Congregational-Christian missions depend on us for our quotas, and Second Miles, I like to think of a story in 2 Samuel which points the way for all Friendly Service.

King David went to Araunah to buy a threshing floor as he wanted to build an altar and make a burnt offering to God. Araunah offered to give both the threshing floor and the oxen for the sacrifice to David but the King said, "No, but I will buy it of you for a price; I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing."

The last phrase could very well be our guide.

Let us give with our hearts as well as our hands. Let us learn about these institutions, missions, etc., which we aid. Information and personality sheets are available. Ask your association secretary for them.

Myra Crippen (Mrs. Waldo)  
Seneca, Kansas

### Woman's Gift

Having just returned from Topeka where I attended the Women's State Board meeting, I am reminded of a poem which not only fits that experience but also describes the coins we drop in our Woman's Gift boxes.

"Into my heart's treasury  
I slipped a coin,  
That time can not rust  
Nor thieves purloin;  
Oh, better than the minting  
Of a gold crowned King,  
Is the safely kept memory  
Of a lovely thing."

It was a lovely thing to see this group of women work very hard at making plans for you, thinking of ways to help you in your year's program of service.

High on the list is the Woman's Gift and I want you to stop and think what your gift does. To begin with, find out where it goes and you will feel humble and more eager to add coins to your box.

These coins do God's work:

Within the State  
Across the Nation  
Around the World

In our state alone, your coins help to do these wonderful things:

Provide: two \$300.00 scholarships for theological students.

\$200.00 for student work in college churches.

\$200.00 for field expense for our Assistant State Superintendent.

\$200.00 for our Kansas Women's Fellowship program.

\$100.00 for underwriting Family Camp at La Foret next summer.

Checks for our two scholarships have already been sent to Mr. Dan Tyson and Mr. Max Thomas, both studying at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

The next time you drop a coin in your Woman's Gift box, remember that you are helping young men become ministers; helping bring peace to the world thru a religious program for students in college churches; helping establish churches; helping to make our packets possible and helping to underwrite the Family Camp.

If you do not have a Woman's Gift box, ask your president to send for one - either 923 Kansas, Topeka or The Missions Council in Chicago or New York.

## Evangelism Committee

Hans Poppe, Chairman

At the Evangelism Committee meeting held at the Rymph's, such food and fellowship was enjoyed that I am surprised we do not have people competing for committee membership. However, we also did our full quota of work in planning for a more effective conference evangelism program.

In response to last month's question concerning a state-wide inter-denominational visitation evangelism campaign, let me briefly say as vast a program as that involves financial obligations and long term planning. In our January column, Dr. L. M. Rymph will bring further news of developments in this field.

Our committee is properly concerned that the great growth in church membership be undergirded by a solid and basic understanding of what evangelism is. Our committee spent an entire morning thinking about our philosophy of evangelism. Some of the decisions which we reached are:

Evangelism is not merely adding names to the church rolls, but wherever a full program of evangelism is in effect that result will surely follow. To assist in techniques, our conference has available for our use valuable train-

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If you have questions, write to me at 851 N. Hillside, Wichita 6, Kansas.

May we continue to be true stewards of that which has been given us by God; faithful and wise; knowing and caring, and so sharing.

Best regards to every Women's Fellowship in the state.

Most sincerely,

Dorothea Waidley (Mrs. Howard)

ing Turn-Over Charts. "They Went Forth Two by Two" for recruiting new members, "Strengthen Thy Brethren," for reclaiming fringe members. Book them for one or more training sessions with your laymen. They are yours for the asking.

Other valuable helps were displayed at the Association meetings. Our committee members are at your service if you are planning a project or facing problems in this area, and need help.

At Topeka we did feel that understanding and conviction about evangelism is basic and when a church grasps that, everything it does is of evangelizing significance; a new dimension is added to the program and to attitude towards evangelism. Evangelism rests in the total response of the people; and churchwise it is the on-going life of the congregation which alone is going to challenge people; then the "fields white unto harvest" will be tended. Evangelism then will not be regarded as the concern of a committee, or the minister, or only the object of some tools and techniques. Responsible persons and congregations will be alive by responding to the life in Christ. Our response is our witness. Our Christian witness must be expressed in the day's work, the day's social activities, in all the avenues of life. Our Christian involvement in evangelism is an involvement in social concern and social action, in stewardship and in churchmanship. We hope every church will welcome the boost it may receive from a Caravan visit this fall.

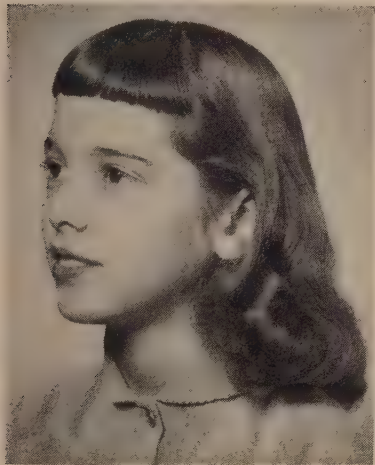
If your church is not following the program, "Commitment for Christian Living" this fall, then we hope you will do so later. Let us all bear constant witness to God's order for our lives and the life of His Church.

Hans M. Poppe

# Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

George Epps, President

Marilyn Bell, Secretary



Shirley Stubbs  
Eastern Jr. Hi Chairman

## Work Day For Christ

This important day, October 22, is just around the corner. Hope you have big plans all made. Last year 31 churches gave a total of \$1355.42. Your officers are hoping that at least 50 churches will take part this year.

## Christian Action Goal

Your officers set the 1955-56 goal for Christian Action at \$2500.00. One-third for work in Kansas, one-third for P.F. projects across the nation and one-third around the world. Included in the state budget was a \$250.00 scholarship for Dave McMullen, loyal Kansas P.F.'er who is studying at Union Theological Seminary this year in preparation for the ministry. A like amount was sent to Doane College to be used by President Typer to aid needy students.

## WHAT ?

State-wide Senior P.F. Rally

## WHERE ?

Plymouth Church, Wichita

## WHEN ?

November 4 and 5

## WHO ?

All Senior Pilgrims who want:  
To listen, discuss and learn  
more about the P.F. Purpose  
and program.

To enjoy good fun and fel-  
lowship with old friends and  
new.

## HOW ?

Through Worship and  
Singing

Six Workshops under expert  
leaders with time for sharing  
ideas.

*Outstanding Speakers*  
*Good Meals and Fellowship*  
*A Movie With A Purpose*

**SEE YOU IN WICHITA**  
**NOVEMBER 4 and 5**

## 1956 WA-SHUN-GA CAMPS

May 27 - June 2: Senior Hi Camp  
directed by Uncle Ray Jones.

June 3 - 9: First Jr. Hi Camp (next  
year's 8th and 9th graders) directed  
by Uncle George Fisk.

June 10 - 16: Second Jr. Hi Camp  
(next year's 7th and 8th graders) di-  
rected by Uncle Bill Bryant.

You will note that next year's 8th  
graders are listed for both camps. It  
is hoped that more mature youngsters  
will be enrolled the first week.

# Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

**Carl Althaus**  
President

**Bill Cribbs**  
Vice President

**Ralph Ewing**  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Laymen On The March

If the SECOND ANNUAL LAYMEN'S CHURCHMANSHIP WORKSHOP is any indication of lay participation in the church program, the increased acceptance of lay responsibility must be moving up. Though we have only 159 names of persons present, we know from meals served that there were at least 170 attended some sessions. What a thrill to see that many men, most of them in the younger bracket, wrestling with problems of churchmanship. The workshops were most worthwhile and participation was lively. The need another year, we feel, is for delving DEEPER into concerns of church men, personal, local churchwise and world wide.

Following are the numbers registered from Kansas churches. If the number listed from your church is incorrect, or if your church is omitted, we would appreciate the names of your representatives, so our registration list will be complete: Anthony - 2; Council Grove - 3; Ellis - 3; Emporia First - 4; Garden City - 1; Gaylord - 1; Gorham - 2; Great Bend - 7; Hutchinson - 8; K.C. First Pilgrim - 2; K.C. Rosedale - 4; K.C. Welborn - 11; Kinsley - 1; Lawrence Plymouth - 1; Lenora - 4; Little River - 8; McPherson - 7; Manhattan - 3; Topeka Central - 2; Topeka Seabrook - 3; Topeka Seaman - 4; Towanda - 3; Udall - 3; Whitewater - 1; Wichita Fairmount - 13; Wichita Pilgrim - 12; Wichita Plymouth - 9; Others - 5.

One minister writes: "I had three laymen at the McPherson meeting; they had never been to anything like it before, but they are boosters now.

They have talked it up so enthusiastically that we could probably send a dozen if a like meeting were to be held next week." Was your church represented?

## Men Meeting

Topeka Central men are having a dinner meeting October 20 to explore possible organization of a men's group in the church.

## Colonial Men

Before the new parsonage folks, the Flemmings, arrived in Prairie Village, a group of volunteers under the leadership of Gene Mills wheeled into action. Colonial Crier says they waxed floors, mowed and raked the yard, repaired plumbing and electrical lines, painted, and even papered three rooms. Who says the women do all the work?

## Hour Of Confession

At the September meeting of Russell Men's Club, a delicious dinner was followed by each man telling a bit about his years up to now - early experiences, church background, business ventures, hobbies, etc. Getting to know each other better, was so interesting the meeting ran on for two hours.

## Orchids To McPherson

Our Annual Laymen's Meeting would be impossible without much work, planning and hospitality on the part of the host church. At McPherson we were literally given the keys. Registration at the parsonage was warmed by a well appointed table filled with coffee and cookies. The three meals were truly designed to win favor with MEN. "Thank You," Al and Frances Bartter and all your helpers.

## A New Church For South Central Wichita

On Sunday, October 2, 1955 the first service of Wichita's new church was held in the Grace Wilson Elementary School located on Victoria Street at Luther.

Permission had been given by the Church Planning and Strategy Committee of the Wichita Council of Churches to locate in this area. Next came endorsement of the project by the State Conference Board after which our Board of Home Missions guaranteed support of \$3,200.00 a year on the operating budget on condition that the State Conference would match this sum.

Wichita's Fairmount, Pilgrim and Plymouth churches cooperated to make a survey of the area, 48 men and women spending the evening of September 27 calling in the neighborhood where the church is ultimately to be located, south of Galena and between Washington and Pattie. About 150 families indicated interest in such a church; many were not at home.

### How It Came Into Being

You may wonder what it takes to start a new church. Many components enter into such a project:

**NEED . . .** The Wichita Extension Committee studied the city thoroughly to find a location where the need for a church is evident by the number of new homes being built and the distance from other churches. The Wichita Committee working for the past two years with the State Conference and the Board of Home Missions, is made up of Mrs. John W. Gibson, Chairman, Gordon N. Jones, Guy T. Gebhardt, Willard Garvey, and the three Wichita ministers: George Ogden Kirk, Richard R. Zoppel and George Fisk.

**VISION . . .** This is where all the churches of the state can share. The Committee measured the need for the new church against the vision of the churches of the conference and felt certain that the necessary funds would be forthcoming when everyone knew of the infant church and its need for sustenance. They realized that their vision would not suffice unless it was coupled with that of Congregationalists of Kansas.

**FAITH . . .** After weighing all tangible and intangible evidence, there were still some "giants in the land" which would need to be overcome. Much would have to be done by faith and the committee had to venture forth not entirely by sight, but by faith.

**WORKS . . .** Faith without works is dead and no new church can come into being without "doing" of a multitude of details. Areas of preparation include the following: Place of meeting; Publicity - a brochure, newspapers, calling; Bulletin and order of service; chairs, pulpit, altar; music resources including organ, organist, soloist, hymn-books; provision for children in the church school.

### World Communion

It was indeed a rare privilege to be the first one to preach in the temporary place of meeting and to administer the sacrament of holy communion.

We felt the power of the living Christ in our midst in the breaking of the bread and we knew that we had the consecration of the fellowship of believers around the world to support and sustain us.

Orville M. Hepler, reporting

## Family Workshop - Tower Hill

### The Phil Felton's Reporting

For a whole year our family had looked forward to returning to Tower Hill Camp on Lake Michigan to attend the meeting of the National Family Life Committee. Only seven families attended this year and by the end of the week, working, worshiping, playing and living together, we were knitted into a very close fellowship.

For some years your Church School materials have included Family Books, geared mostly to families with children six to twelve years of age. One of the main purposes of our Tower Hill meeting was to plan a Family Book geared to homes where there are "teenagers;" a book which teenagers helped to prepare.

We also worked on ideas for the Home Half Experiment, State Family Life Committees, Stewardship in the Family and Pilgrim Fellowship programming.

Though most of our time was taken up with important business, we did have time for some swimming in Lake Michigan, climbing Old Baldy, Vesper services in the pines, sports and family games.

Your Conference Family Life Commission, made up of the Paul Millers of Wichita Plymouth, the Jack Happys of Lawrence and the Feltons of Great Bend, is eager to be of help to you in each local church.

To be of real help we feel the need of a liaison person in each church, a Family Life Secretary, perhaps a member of your Religious Education committee with special interest in this field: some one we can work through in making available to your church, opportunities in the area of Family Life. Please

send name to The Phil Feltons, 2100 Jefferson, Great Bend.

### Lincoln Looks Ahead

My visit to Lincoln on Sunday, September 11 for the service of dedication of the renovated church, was a source of joy to me. Rev. and Mrs. Noah Unruh, with the support of the membership, have done a herculean amount of work in the past year.

Now when you enter the church, you know it is the meeting place of those who care.

Orville Hepler, reporting

### Gifts For Lebanon

The Junior Hi Church School class of Topeka Seaman noted in their quarters that the children in Lebanon needed "go to school" articles and with personal offerings paid for writing and drawing paper, pencils, erasers, crayons, etc., which their teacher, Mrs. Charles Hutton prepared for shipment. In June a letter from the Joint Christian Committee for Refugee Work in Lebanon was received . . . "Here is a picture of the Christmas party during which your gifts were distributed to the children who were so delighted to receive them. The value of a gift lies not in its material value, but in its being a token of understanding and and friendship. Thank you in behalf of the children."



# Kansas Giving

To October 1, 1955

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| *Almena . . .      | \$ 350.00                 | \$ 87.50             | \$ 94.50                            | *Mound City .      | 50.00                     | ....                 | 5.00                                |
| *Anthony . . .     | 500.00                    | 250.00               | 170.15                              | Matfield Gr..      | 50.00                     | ....                 | 16.25                               |
| Ash Rock . . .     | 50.00                     | .....                | .....                               | *Milford . . .     | 300.00                    | 300.00               | 202.50                              |
| Athol . . . . .    | 200.00                    | 100.00               | 114.50                              | *Mount Hope .      | 500.00                    | 300.00               | 116.15                              |
| *Carbondale . .    | 125.00                    | 105.01               | 96.38                               | *Muscotah . . .    | 200.00                    | 75.00                | 65.30                               |
| *Centralia . . .   | 400.00                    | 200.00               | 54.00                               | Neola . . . . .    | .....                     | 20.94                | .....                               |
| *Council Gr. . .   | 400.00                    | 150.00               | 245.00                              | Newton . . . .     | 600.00                    | 200.00               | 135.00                              |
| *Cumberland . .    | 20.00                     | 10.00                | .....                               | *Olive Hill . .    | 100.00                    | 50.00                | 95.81                               |
| *Dover . . . . .   | 100.00                    | 110.00               | 53.41                               | *Onaga . . . . .   | 400.00                    | 200.00               | 130.05                              |
| *Downs . . . . .   | 200.00                    | 150.00               | 48.10                               | *Osborne . . . .   | 1,000.00                  | 1,002.50             | 603.49                              |
| *Ellis . . . . .   | 300.00                    | 150.00               | 73.50                               | *Ottawa . . . . .  | 500.00                    | 250.00               | 70.25                               |
| *Emporia 1st . .   | 1,750.00                  | 900.00               | 431.06                              | *Partridge . . .   | 500.00                    | 500.00               | 313.96                              |
| *Sardis . . . . .  | 250.00                    | 125.00               | 90.90                               | *Pleas't Hill . .  | 100.00                    | 50.00                | 60.00                               |
| *Eureka . . . . .  | 400.00                    | 200.00               | 253.30                              | *Plevna . . . . .  | 120.00                    | 60.00                | 242.00                              |
| *Ford . . . . .    | 450.00                    | 337.50               | 151.85                              | Prairie Vil. . .   | 1,500.00                  | 250.00               | 67.50                               |
| *Garden City . .   | 1,500.00                  | 750.00               | 202.81                              | *Russell . . . . . | 1,250.00                  | 1,250.00             | 401.27                              |
| *Garfield . . . .  | 150.00                    | 37.50                | 53.00                               | *Sabatha . . . .   | 1,800.00                  | 1,350.00             | 390.98                              |
| *Gaylord . . . .   | 200.00                    | 159.45               | 42.37                               | Sedgwick . . . .   | 200.00                    | 100.00               | ....                                |
| Gorham . . . . .   | 150.00                    | 150.00               | 90.00                               | *Seneca . . . . .  | 300.00                    | 150.00               | 73.97                               |
| *Great Bend . .    | 2,500.00                  | 2,083.32             | 396.77                              | *Smith Center .    | 150.00                    | 75.00                | 129.04                              |
| *Haven . . . . .   | 300.00                    | 225.00               | 177.34                              | *Stanley . . . . . | 400.00                    | 300.00               | 208.95                              |
| *Hiawatha . . .    | 80.00                     | 76.00                | 17.50                               | St. Marys . . .    | 50.00                     | .....                | 17.00                               |
| *Hutchinson . .    | 600.00                    | 600.00               | 365.70                              | *Stockton . . .    | 300.00                    | 300.00               | 135.53                              |
| *Independence .    | 200.00                    | 150.00               | 135.96                              | *Tonganoxie . .    | 300.00                    | 75.00                | 125.50                              |
| Kansas City        |                           |                      |                                     | Topeka             |                           |                      |                                     |
| * 1st Pilgrim . .  | 1,000.00                  | 750.00               | 215.75                              | * Central . . . .  | 4,000.00                  | 4,000.00             | 1,130.83                            |
| * Rosedale . . .   | 600.00                    | 300.00               | 332.25                              | * First . . . . .  | 3,000.00                  | 1,837.53             | 499.90                              |
| * Ruby . . . . .   | 500.00                    | 375.00               | 280.00                              | * Seabrook . . .   | 400.00                    | 200.00               | 140.00                              |
| * Welborn . . . .  | 2,000.00                  | 1,500.00             | 481.47                              | * Seamon . . . .   | 1,200.00                  | 960.00               | 460.00                              |
| *Kinsley . . . . . | 500.00                    | 125.00               | 160.06                              | *Towanda . . . .   | 175.00                    | 43.75                | 111.83                              |
| *Kiowa . . . . .   | 150.00                    | 200.00               | 361.69                              | Udall . . . . .    | 75.00                     | 18.75                | 10.00                               |
| *Kirwin . . . . .  | 100.00                    | 25.00                | 27.00                               | *Wakefield . . .   | 350.00                    | 175.00               | 245.00                              |
| Lawrence P. . .    | 5,400.00                  | 4,050.00             | 1,191.73                            | *Wheaton . . . .   | 100.00                    | 75.00                | 115.90                              |
| *Leavenworth . .   | 400.00                    | 385.86               | 161.48                              | *Whitewater . .    | 1,000.00                  | 431.50               | 25.00                               |
| *Lenora . . . . .  | 500.00                    | 500.00               | 144.92                              | Wichita            |                           |                      |                                     |
| Leona . . . . .    | 50.00                     | .....                | 45.80                               | * Fairm't . . . .  | 2,600.00                  | 1,949.03             | 437.60                              |
| *Lincoln . . . . . | 100.00                    | 75.00                | 54.00                               | Pilgrim . . . . .  | 1,250.00                  | 796.20               | 102.07                              |
| *Little River . .  | 300.00                    | 300.00               | 78.31                               | * Plymouth . . .   | 8,165.00                  | 4,357.12             | 1,100.00                            |
| *McPherson . . .   | 1,000.00                  | 500.00               | 335.00                              | Other Sources      |                           |                      | 664.46                              |
| *Maize . . . . .   | 250.00                    | 250.00               | 36.52                               |                    |                           |                      |                                     |
| *Manhattan . . .   | 2,000.00                  | 1,400.00             | 318.41                              | Totals . . . . .   | \$59,480                  | \$39,694.46          | \$16,310.33                         |
| *Maple Hill . . .  | 400.00                    | 150.00               | 79.75                               |                    |                           |                      |                                     |

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